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20. (Internal Use Only - RJK) LIAISON [ ] NSA, called to ask about the security oaths which we ask Congressional staff members to sign. After conferring with [ ] and the Office of Security, I called [ ] back on the gray line and in his absence spoke with [ ] and gave him illustrations of the content of our security oaths. He appreciated our prompt assistance.

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21. (Unclassified - THW) LIAISON I took a call from Tom Smeeton, Minority Staff, House International Relations Committee, concerning comments of Representative William Broomfield (R., Mich.) on Agency briefing of the House Republican Conference (See Memorandum for the Record.)

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22. (Unclassified - THW) BRIEFING Accompanied [ ] all of OCI, to a briefing of Senator Thomas F. Eagleton (D., Mo.) in preparation for his upcoming trip to the Middle East. Brian Atwood, Administrative Assistant to the Senator, and [ ] sat in on the briefing. Senator Eagleton was very appreciative and Atwood remarked that the briefing was excellent. [ ]

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23. (Unclassified - THW) BRIEFING Took a call from Dale DeHaan, on the staff of the Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees, Senate Judiciary Committee, who said that Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mass.), Chairman of the Subcommittee, and most of the other members would not be able to make the briefing on 9 April and that only Senator James Abourezk (D., S. Dak.) and perhaps Senator Charles McC. Mathias (R., Md.) would be able to attend. I told DeHaan that in that event, I suggested that we not provide a senior Agency representative, but a working level briefer to brief Senator Abourezk. DeHaan thought that would be sufficient and the hearing was rescheduled for 11:00 a.m., 9 April, in Senator Abourezk's office, 1105 Dirksen Senate Office Building. DeHaan and Dorothy Parker, Minority Counsel for the Subcommittee, will sit in on the briefing. [ ]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Call from Tom Smeeton, Minority Staff, House  
International Relations Committee, Regarding  
the House Republican Conference Briefing

1. Tom Smeeton, Minority Staff, House International Relations Committee, called on behalf of Representative William Broomfield (R., Mich.), stating that Mr. Broomfield has some misgivings about briefings for large groups such as the House Republican Conference or the Democratic Caucus as took place on 6 April 1976. It is Mr. Broomfield's understanding that the briefing for the Republican Conference was instigated by a Republican Conference staffer, Harland Strauss. After the briefing, Mike McCloud, Staff Director, requested Mr. Broomfield's opinion on the principal of briefing the Republican Conference and the Democratic Caucus. Mr. Broomfield was quite apprehensive about having briefings for such large groups with his stated major objection that leaks are bound to occur and if they do then such briefings would have to be watered down, which would be unsatisfactory from the members' point of view. He would rather keep such briefings to individuals or small groups and maintain the quality of the briefing. Another argument he raised was that since we have taken the position that as few committees as possible should be involved in the intelligence business, briefing such large groups would be counter to that position.

2. I explained the difference between substantive intelligence and operational briefings vis-a-vis the proliferation argument. While Smeeton understood the difference, Mr. Broomfield is still opposed in principal and Smeeton and Ev Bierman, Minority Consultant for the Committee, agree with Mr. Broomfield's position. Smeeton suggested that if we have not offered the same briefing to the Democratic Caucus, that we not do so.

3. I told Smeeton I would pass this on to Mr. Cary. We have had considerable contact with Mr. Broomfield of late and he is very favorably disposed to the Agency. Mr. Broomfield's anxieties may be as expressed above, but there is also the possibility that he feels that our recent special attention towards him would be watered down by such large group briefings.

4. In response to Mr. Broomfield's opposition, McCloud told Smeeton and Bierman he thought the Republican Conference would not ask for another such briefing.



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